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# H. CON. RES. 418

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the current level of violence  
between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAZIO (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. REYNOLDS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the current  
level of violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Whereas the United States has consistently supported the  
peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict;

Whereas the current level of violence between the Israelis and  
the Palestinians is the worst in years;

Whereas the current round of violence comes at a time when  
the Israeli Government is prepared to make historic com-  
promises towards peace;

Whereas there is clear evidence that this violence was a pre-  
meditated and coordinated action by the Palestinian Au-  
thority;

Whereas the active participation of armed uniformed Palestinian police in attacks against Israelis is an indication of the unwillingness of the Palestinian Authority to work towards a halt to this violence;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority's encouragement of violence is a violation of the underlying basis on which the entire Oslo peace process has been built, particularly the incitement by Palestinian television;

Whereas the Palestinians are mounting a concerted international campaign to justify the violence by blaming Israel; and

Whereas the Palestinian renunciation of violence in the Oslo peace process does not provide any basis for the justification of the resumption of violence: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3            (1) condemns, in the strongest possible terms,  
4        statements and actions by Palestinians designed to  
5        inflame and encourage violence;

6            (2) demands that Palestinian Authority Chair-  
7        man Yasser Arafat make a public appeal on Pales-  
8        tinian television for the public to cease further acts  
9        of violence;

10           (3) urges the President to use all of the diplo-  
11        matic means available to the United States Govern-  
12        ment to seek an end to the violence and return the  
13        Palestinians to the negotiating table;

1           (4) strongly supports actions by the Israeli Gov-  
2           ernment designed to bring this current round of vio-  
3           lence to a peaceful conclusion;

4           (5) urges the Administration to oppose—

5                 (A) any United Nations effort to put for-  
6           ward one-sided anti-Israel resolutions or state-  
7           ments; and

8                 (B) the establishment of any international  
9           commissions of inquiry; and

10          (6) will consider the response of Palestinians to  
11          the escalation of violence in their future relations  
12          with the United States.

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